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- \* Phasing out of more than 15 year old commercial transport vehicles;
- \* Implementation of stringent diesel-generator set emission norms;
- \* Regular monitoring for environmental compliance.

#### **Shrinkage in acreage**

478. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the shrinkage in acreage will lead to fall in oilseeds output;
- (b) if so, the complete details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the reasons for such shrinkage;
- (d) whether the dry spell in early part of the current monsoon discouraged many farmers in Andhra Pradesh to take up groundnut cultivation;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps being taken to help farmers in such circumstances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Pollution index**

†479. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:  
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is at number three amongst the pollution spreading countries;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.